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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

725 ILCS	190/1	from	Ch.	38,	par.	1451
725 ILCS	190/2	from	Ch.	38,	par.	1452
725 ILCS	190/2.3 new					
725 ILCS	190/2.5 new					
725 ILCS	190/2.7 new					
725 ILCS	190/3	from	Ch.	38,	par.	1453

Amends the Privacy of Child Victims of Criminal Sexual Offenses Act. Changes the Act's short title to include human trafficking. Applies Act to forensic interviews and criminal cases in which the defendant is charged with certain specified offenses. Requires a complaint, information or indictment that commences a prosecution of an offense subject to the Act to include a pseudonym or fictitious initials in place of the name, address, and identity of a victim of the offense. Maintains confidentiality of victim information in any complaint, information, indictment, report, statement, photograph, video recording, court document, press release, or any other public record, except that victim information shall be available to the defendant as provided under the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963, subject to a protective order barring further disclosure. Maintains confidentiality of forensic interviews except for use in the performance of official duties by law enforcement, prosecutors, court personnel, attorneys, or licensed professionals for bona fide treatment or education programs. Requires sealing of sexually explicit evidence involving a victim or witness. Adds definition for "forensic interview".

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1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- 4 Section 5. The Privacy of Child Victims of Criminal Sexual
- 5 Offenses Act is amended by changing Sections 1, 2, and 3 and by
- adding Sections 2.3, 2.5, and 2.7 as follows:
- 7 (725 ILCS 190/1) (from Ch. 38, par. 1451)
- 8 Sec. 1. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the
- 9 "Privacy of Child Victims of Criminal Sexual Offenses and Human
- 10 <u>Trafficking</u> Act".
- 11 (Source: P.A. 84-1428.)
- 12 (725 ILCS 190/2) (from Ch. 38, par. 1452)
- 13 Sec. 2. Definitions.
- As used in this Act: 7
- "Child" means any person under 18 years of age.
- "Criminal history record information" means:
- 17 (1) chronologically maintained arrest information,
- such as traditional arrest logs or blotters;
- 19 (2) the name of a person in the custody of a law
- 20 enforcement agency and the charges for which that person is
- 21 being held;
- 22 (3) court records that are public;

1	(4) records that are otherwise available under State or
2	local law or ordinance; or
3	(5) records in which the requesting party is the person
4	identified, except as provided under item (vii) of
5	paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of Section 7 of the Freedom
6	of Information Act.
7	"Forensic interview" means an investigative tool conducted
8	by law enforcement, prosecutors, child advocacy center staff,
9	or staff of the Department of Children and Family Services, for
10	purposes of a sexual offense investigation or criminal
11	proceeding in cases of suspected child abuse.
12	(Source: P.A. 84-1428.)
13	(725 ILCS 190/2.3 new)
14	Sec. 2.3. Application of Act.
15	(a) This Act applies to:
16	(1) forensic interviews; and
17	(2) criminal cases in which:
18	(A) the defendant is accused of predatory criminal
19	sexual assault of a child, aggravated criminal sexual
20	assault, criminal sexual assault, aggravated criminal
21	sexual abuse, criminal sexual abuse, child
22	pornography, aggravated child pornography, criminal
23	transmission of HIV, trafficking in persons,
24	involuntary servitude, child abduction as defined in
25	paragraph (10) of subsection (b) of Section 10-5 of the

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1	Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012,
2	related offenses as defined in Section 10-9 of the
3	Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, or
4	the attempt to commit any of these offenses;
5	(B) the defendant is accused of battery,
6	aggravated battery, first degree murder, or second
7	degree murder when the commission of the offense
8	involves sexual penetration or sexual conduct as
9	defined in Section 12-12 of the Criminal Code of 2012;
10	<u>or</u>
11	(C) the defendant is tried or retried for any of
12	the offenses formerly known as rape, deviate sexual
13	assault, indecent liberties with a child, or
14	aggravated indecent liberties with a child.
15	(725 ILCS 190/2.5 new)
16	Sec. 2.5. Confidentiality of victim name and identity.
17	(a) A complaint, information or indictment that commences a
18	prosecution of an offense subject to this Act shall include a
19	pseudonym or fictitious initials in place of the name, address,
20	and identity of a victim of the offense. The victim's name,
21	address, or identity shall remain confidential in any
22	complaint, information, indictment, report, statement,
23	photograph, video recording, court document, press release, or
24	any other public record, except that this information shall be

available to the defendant, under Section 11-6 of the Code of

- 1 <u>Criminal Procedure of 1963, subject to a protective order</u> 2 barring further disclosure.
- (b) Nothing in this Section prevents a court from ordering
 the disclosure of the victim's name, address, or identity if it
 finds that the information is essential in the trial of the
 defendant or necessary to facilitate a legitimate state
 interest. A court may prohibit any person or agency to whom the
 information is released from further disclosing the victim's
- 10 <u>(c) This Section does not apply to the release or</u>
 11 <u>disclosure of information to the victim, victim's parent, or</u>
 12 guardian.

name, address, or identity except upon further order of court.

- 13 (725 ILCS 190/2.7 new)
- Sec. 2.7. Forensic interview confidentiality; sealing of sexually explicit material.
- 16 <u>(a) A written or digital recording of a forensic interview</u>
 17 <u>of a child shall remain confidential to be used solely in the</u>
 18 <u>performance of official duties by law enforcement,</u>
 19 <u>prosecutors, court personnel, attorneys, or licensed</u>
 20 professionals for bona fide treatment or education programs.
- 21 (b) Any evidence, writing, of recording depicting a victim 22 or witness that is sexually explicit shall be admitted under 23 seal and impounded by the court, subject to the exceptions in 24 subsection (a) of this Section.
- 25 (c) Except as provided in subsection (a) of this Section,

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the writing or recording of the forensic interview may be viewed or the sexually explicit evidence may be unsealed and viewed, on a motion, only for good cause shown and in the discretion of the court. The motion must expressly state the purpose for viewing the material. The State's attorney and the victim, or victim's parent or quardian, if possible, shall be provided reasonable notice of the hearing on the motion to unseal or view the evidence, writing, or recording. Any person entitled to notice of a hearing under this Section may object to the motion.

(725 ILCS 190/3) (from Ch. 38, par. 1453)

Sec. 3. Confidentiality of Law Enforcement and Court Records. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, inspection and copying of law enforcement records maintained by any law enforcement agency or circuit court records maintained by any circuit clerk relating to any investigation or proceeding pertaining to a criminal sexual offense under this Act, by any person, except a judge, state's attorney, assistant state's attorney, psychologist, psychiatrist, social worker, doctor, parent, parole agent, probation officer, defendant or defendant's attornev in any criminal proceeding investigation related thereto, shall be restricted to exclude the identity of any child who is a victim of the such criminal sexual offense or alleged criminal sexual offense. A court may for the victim's child's protection and for good cause shown,

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1 prohibit any person or agency present in court from further 2 disclosing the victim's child's identity.

When a criminal sexual offense under this Act is committed or alleged to have been committed by a school district employee or any individual contractually employed by a school district, a copy of the criminal history record information relating to the investigation of the offense or alleged offense shall be transmitted to the superintendent of schools of the district immediately upon request or if the law enforcement agency knows that a school district employee or any individual contractually employed by a school district has committed or is alleged to have committed a criminal sexual offense, the superintendent of schools of the district shall be immediately provided a copy of the criminal history record information. The superintendent shall be restricted from specifically revealing the name of the victim without written consent of the victim or victim's parent or quardian.

A court may prohibit such disclosure only after giving notice and a hearing to all affected parties. In determining whether to prohibit disclosure of the victim's minor's identity the court shall consider:

- (1) (a) the best interest of the victim child; and
- 23 (2) (b) whether such nondisclosure would further a compelling State interest. 24
- 25 For the purposes of this Act, "criminal history information" means: 26

1	(i) chronologically maintained arrest information,
2	such as traditional arrest logs or blotters;
3	(ii) the name of a person in the custody of a law
4	enforcement agency and the charges for which that person is
5	being held;
6	(iii) court records that are public;
7	(iv) records that are otherwise available under State
8	or local law; or
9	(v) records in which the requesting party is the
10	individual identified, except as provided under part (vii)
11	of paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of Section 7 of the
12	Freedom of Information Act.
13	(Source: P.A. 95-69, eff. 1-1-08; 95-599, eff. 6-1-08; 95-876,
14	eff. 8-21-08.)